

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 855 – SB 1104

March 21, 2017

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Removes from the duties of the Executive Director of the District Public Defenders Conference the initiation of conference calls between district public defenders to coordinate cross-jurisdictional cases.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005412): Deletes and rewrites the proposed legislation to reinstate the denied service credit in FY03-04 for assistant public defenders and public defender investigators.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$149,700

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Thirty two assistant public defenders and three investigators will receive a salary increase from reinstating the service credit. Further, four assistant public defenders will receive longevity from reinstating the service credit, because this service credit will put them at the top of the salary scale.
- It is assumed that all impacted positions have benefits calculated under the Legacy Plan.
- Average salary increase for each assistant public defender will be \$3,069.16. This increase is subject to benefits and FICA. The proposed legislation will increase recurring state expenditures by \$128,954 $\{ [\$3,069.16 + (\$3,069.16 \times 0.2365 \text{ benefits}) + (\$3,069.16 \times 0.0765 \text{ FICA})] \times 32 \}$.
- Average salary increase for each investigator will be \$2,984. This increase is subject to benefits and FICA. The proposed legislation will increase recurring state expenditures by \$11,754 $\{ [\$2,984 + (\$2,984 \times 0.2365 \text{ benefits}) + (\$2,984 \times 0.0765 \text{ FICA})] \times 3 \}$.
- Average longevity for each impacted assistant public defender will be \$2,275. This increase is subject to benefits and FICA. The proposed legislation will increase recurring state expenditures by \$8,961 $\{ [\$2,275 + (\$2,275 \times 0.2365 \text{ benefits}) + (\$2,275 \times 0.0765 \text{ FICA})] \times 3 \}$.

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- The proposed legislation will increase recurring state expenditures by a total of \$149,669 (\$128,954 + \$11,754 + \$8,961).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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